Minutes of the Annual General body Meeting of the DAISY forum of India

September 25-26, 2015

Patiala, Punjab

Following members attended the meeting:

1. Mr. Mahesh Khosla: Navchetna institute for the blind
2. Mr. Praful Vyas, Andhjan Kalyan Trust, Gujarat
3. Mr. R. P. Soni, Blind Peoples' Association, Ahmedabad
4. Dr. Sam Taraporevala, Xavier’s Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged, Mumbai
5. Ms Madhu Singhal, Mitra Jyothi, Bangalore
6. Dr Homiyar Mobedji, National Association for the Blind, Delhi
7. Mr Taha Haaziq, National Association for the Blind, Goa State Branch
8. Dr. Rakesh Jain, Rehabilitation Society of The Visually Impaired (RSVI), Lucknow
9. Mr Dipendra Manocha, Saksham
10. Mr Anubhav Mitra, Saksham, Delhi
11. Ms. Deepika Sood, Saksham Punjab, Jalandhar
12. Mr. Gautam Agarwal, NFB Karnataka, Bangalore
13. Mr. Sunil Sangtani, Rajasthan Netraheen Kalyan Sangh (RNKS), Jaipur
14. Mr. Ketan Kothari, Sight Savers, Mumbai
15. Mr. Rajpal, Blind Relief Association, Delhi
16. Dr. Raj Shekhar, English and foreign Language University, Hyderabad
17. Mr. Sushant Kumar Panigrahi, JNU, Delhi

**Officers:**

1. Mr. Avneesh Singh, DAISY Consortium
2. Mr. Prashant Ranjan Verma, DAISY Consortium

Friends

1. Mr. T Shiroki, Shinano Kenshi India Pvt. Ltd,

**Observers:**

1. Mr. Sanjit Chand Paswan, JNU, Delhi
2. Mr. Lalit Kumar, Shinano ABV Technologies Pvt Ltd, Bangalore
3. Mr. S K Gupta, Shinano ABV Technologies Pvt Ltd, Bangalore
4. Ms. Isha, Blind Relief Association, Delhi
5. Mr. Chintan Vyas, Andhjan Kalyan Trust, Gujarat
6. Mr. Parth Patel, Blind Peoples' Association, Ahmedabad
7. Mr. Aniket Gupta, Xavier’s Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged, Mumbai
8. Mr. Lakshminarayana Reddy, Mitra Jyothi, Bangalore
9. Ms. Shradha Srivastav, Rehabilitation Society of The Visually Impaired (RSVI), Lucknow
10. Mr. Satyajeet Singh, Saksham, Delhi
11. Ms. Savita, Saksham Punjab, Jalandhar
12. Approval of the Agenda: Agenda approved by all members
13. Confirmation of the minutes of the last annual General body meeting: Minutes confirmed by all members.
14. Appointment of the auditors for 2015-16; Members of the General body of DFI resolved to appoint **V C JOHARI & ASSOCIATES as its auditors for the year 2015-16.**
15. Approval of the budget by AGM for the year 2015-16; the budget for presented by mr. anubhav Mitra and was approved by all members. The approved budget is attached with these minutes.
16. Approval of financial report for the year 2014-15: the financial report and audited accounts were presented by the Treasurer: Mr. Anubhav Mitra and wer approved by the members.
17. Approval of the annual report for the year 2014-15; annual report was presented by DFI President mr. Dipendra Manocha and was approved by the members.
18. Approval of new membership categories and privileges for each category: DFi board recommended no change in the membership categories of DFI. However, some organisations will be called the network partners of DFI that will not have any membership benefits. These partners will be part of communications of DFI and will be encouraged to share the vision and mission of the society. Board also recommended introduction of subscription of book exchange programme of DFI. The members of the General Body approved and accepted the recommendations of the Board related to withdrawing of membership from following primary and associate members.

**Primary member –**

1. Royal Foundation
2. HMV college Jalandhar

**Associate Members –**

1. Government College For Women, Jammu
2. North Ex. Blind Welfare & educational Society, Delhi
3. SALWAN Public School, New Delhi
4. Shruti Information Centre of Yashoda Charitable Trust, Delhi
5. Springdales School, New Delhi
6. St. Mary's School , New Delhi
7. Sushil Suri Foundation, Delhi
8. Tagore International School, New Delhi
9. Venu Eye Institute & Research Centre, New Delhi

AGM approved 4 existing non-paying members and 42 non-paying associate members to be removed from the list of members and these organisations will be included in the list of DFI network partners.

List of these four Non- paying Primary Members and 42 associate members is attached as annexure -1

AGM approved following fee structure changes:

* 1. Membership fee of associate members is increased from Rs. 1000 per year to Rs. 2000 per year with effect from financial year 2016-17.
	2. Subscription fee for DFI book exchange programme is approved as Rs. 2200 per year for University and school libraries, Rs. 2100 per year for Public Libraries and rs. 2000 for any other eligible organisations.
1. Any other matter with the permission of the chair
	1. The General body approved the recommendation of the board that defined a rule that if designating organisation of the office bearer decides to change its representative to DFI then a new officer will need to be re-elected in his / her post by the Board. This election will be for the remaining period of the Elected Officers Tenure .
	2. Constitution Committee. The General body has approved the formation of Constitution Committee to review the existing Constitution of DFI with the following Members.
2. Dipendra Manocha
3. Sam taraporewala
4. Praful Vyas
5. Avneesh Singh
6. Charudutt Jadhav

The committee will work in 2 phases . In phase 1, the requirements of the Organisation will be documented . In phase 2, a legal expert will be hired to include the requirements in the constitution.

AI- Constitution Committee to submit the requirements document to the Board before March 2016 Board Meeting

Dipendra Manocha

President DAISY forum of India